

of the early ages of Christianity; and was among the efficacious doctrines which gave it triumph over the polytheism of the ancients, sickened with the absurdities of their own theology. Nor was the unity of the Supreme Being ousted from the Christian creed by the force of reason, but by the sword of Civil Government, wielded at the will of the fanatic Athanasius. The hocus-pocus phantasm of a God like another Cerberus, with one body and three heads, had its birth and growth in the blood of thousands and thousands of martyrs. And a strong proof of the solidity of the primitive faith is its restoration as soon as a nation arises which vindicates to itself the freedom of religious opinion and its external divorce from the civil authority. The pure and simple unity of the Creator of the universe is now all but ascendent in the eastern States; it is dawning in the west, and advancing toward the south; and I confidently expect that the present generation will see Unitarianism become the general religion of the United States. (To James Smith, 1822. C. VII., 269.)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.—We wish to establish in the upper and healthier country and more centrally for the State an university on a plan so broad and liberal and modern as to be worth patronizing with the public support, and be a temptation to the youth of other States to come and drink of the cup of knowledge and fraternize with us. The first step is to obtain a good plan; that is a judicious selection of the sciences and a practicable grouping of them together. \* \* \* I will venture to sketch the sciences which seem useful and practicable for us, as they occur to me while holding my pen. Botany, Chemistry, Zoology, Anatomy, Surgery, Medicine, Natural Philosophy, Agriculture, Mathematics, Astronomy, Geology, Geography, Politics, Commerce, History, Ethics, Law, Arts, Fine Arts. This list is imperfect because I make it hastily, and because I am unequal to the subject. It is evident that some of these articles are too much for one professor and must therefore be ramified; others may be ascribed in groups to a single professor. (To Joseph Priestly, 1800. F. VII., 407-)

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